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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.



ABBATH evening, Feb. 24, has been set apart by our church consistory, for a missionary meeting. This meeting will take the place of the regular preaching services for that evening. Short addresses will be made by the pastor, members of the consistory, and other members of the church. The programme will also be interspersed with singing, Scripture reading, and prayer.

The special objects of this conference will be, first, To enlist the members of Grace Church more fully, in the cause of missions. Second, To bring the wants of our Board of Home Missions before our people, so as to enable them to make an offering, for the immediate use of the Board.

Both of these objects are matters of special interest to Grace Church. The church which has at heart the cause of missions, and general benevolence, has begotten of God the right spirit. Many churches, like many individuals, too oftentimes, stand in their own light. The philosophy of giving and receiving is not understood. It takes some men almost a lifetime, to learn the secrets of a successful life. It is so with some churches. It is a long time, before they come into the light. One of the secrets of a successful church, lies in giving, not in withholding. Casting thy bread upon the waters may seem like a vain and hopeless effort, but it has the promise, "For thou shalt find it after many days." Sowing, then comes reaping, giving, then comes receiving. "Withholding, more than is meet, tendeth to poverty." Poverty in purse and in soul. "The liberal shall be made fat." Fat in grace and in substance. In the same measure, in which we mete out to unto God, He will in return give unto us. It is not surprising, that some churches, and some souls, come into a condition of poverty, wanting all life and inspiration. The blessings of heaven are withheld from them. The Lord is paying them back in their own coin. May the spirit of liberality dwell richly in the hearts of the Pastor, and members of Grace Church. The foremost object

of our missionary conference will be to nurture within our hearts, and within our church, this spirit of giving.

The second object of this meeting, will be to afford our people a special opportunity, to give for the cause of Home Missions.

Our Board of Home Missions, is in pressing need of help. For more than a year, this Board has been very seriously embarrassed, in its work, for the want of funds. The Board needs \$2,000.00 for immediate use. Special efforts are made, throughout the Synod, to secure this amount by the 1st of April. The fault of a depleted treasury, does not lie with the Board, but it lodges itself with the church at large. And perhaps, unfortunately, in many instances the difficulty lies with our pastors, and not with our people. The wants of the church abroad, are not presented to the people as they should be. Sometimes a spirit of selfishness creeps into the hearts of pastors, as well as into the hearts of our church members. We are solicitous that Grace Church may know of the wants of our Boards, and of what the church is doing abroad. Some of the churches within the bounds of our synod, have already responded to this call of the board. The following are some of the responses.

Grace Church, Columbiana, J. H. Bomberger, Pastor.....	\$30.00
Basil Charge, G. H. Leonard, Pastor.....	30.00
Grace congregation, Union Charge, D. R. Taylor, Pastor.....	38.65
Trinity, Dayton, Ohio, D. W. Elbert, Pastor.....	50.00
Trinity, Canton, Ohio, E. P. Herbrich, Pastor.....	25.00
Canfield, Ohio, J. M. Kendig, Pastor.....	20.00

Other churches will fall in line and respond cheerfully, and liberally. The matter of special interest to us is not, now, however, what will other churches do, but what will we do? What will Grace Church of Ft. Wayne do, to help our Mission Board in its day of want. We feel confident, our entire membership will respond, to this call of the church. The characteristic of Grace church has always been, to answer nobly to every call. Let us never be unmindful of the good we may do, and the blessing we may claim from God. We look forward with anxiety to this meeting, appointed by our consistory, for the evening of February 24th. Let every member of the church, pray for this meeting, and come prepared to enter into the spirit of the services. It will do your soul good to

be at this meeting, and you will also do other souls good. Come prepared to give, just as the Lord has given to you. Talk to your friends about this meeting, and bring them with you. Let our church parlors be crowded on that evening. Let every one work to this end.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

THE Consistory will furnish the members of Grace Church, before the close of this month, with statements and blanks, soliciting their subscriptions, to defray the expenses of the church, during the coming year. The members will designate in these blanks, what amounts they can pay in weekly installments. After the blanks are filled out, and signed, they will be returned to the secretary of the Consistory, D. W. Sonder, on or before the Sabbath, March 17th. The most practical, and right way, of paying to the Lord, is to make an offering every Sabbath. We are anxious to see the system, of weekly payments, more fully adopted by our people. This plan of paying to the church, is meeting with general favor throughout the whole church. Upon this plan some can easily pay one dollar per Sabbath, and others fifty cents, others twenty-five cents. Who cannot pay twenty-five every Sabbath during the year? This is a small amount per week, for the Lord, compared with the dimes, and quarters, we spend daily and weekly, for things that are more than useless, injurious indulgences. If you cannot pay a quarter a week, pay fifteen cents, or ten cents. Do something for the Lord. Pay out less for trifles. Less for tobacco, less for smoke, &c., and then give all to the Lord. The recompense will be more gratifying and sweeter.

THE pastor of the St. John's Reformed Church and his family, in their late bereavement and sorrow, have the sympathy and prayers of the pastor and members of Grace Church. Mrs. Schaaf was a lady of exceptional Christian qualifications. Pious, affectionate and devoted to her family, and diligent in the work, the Lord had assigned her. She died in the full triumphs of our glorious, and blessed gospel hope. After long and patient suffering, she has now gone to wear the crown.

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SPECIMEN copies of Grace Church Visitor have been placed in all our families, and copies have also been sent to many of our friends. We have received many encouraging words, from members of the church and from others. The paper should be in every family of Grace Church, and no doubt will be. We shall be glad to have it make its monthly visit, also, into many other homes. With few exceptions the families of the Salem's church in the country, will subscribe for the paper. Some of those people have given us their subscriptions, and have also ordered the paper for friends of theirs at a distance. They are anxious to see the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR live and thrive. One of our subscribers in Grace Church takes the paper for his own family, and has given us his subscription for four of his friends at a distance. This is commendable. Others do likewise. Why not subscribe for the VISITOR, and have us mail it, for some of your friends in the city, in whom you are specially interested, and who have no church home. Would not this, perhaps, be one way of winning them to the church, and to Christ. In this way you may do work for the Master, you might not accomplish in any other way. The investment would be small, but the results might be marvelous. Every member of Grace Church has some friends in the city, who have no church home, you would like to see them make their home with you in Grace Church. How many now will be willing to invest 25 cents, to bring their friends to Christ, and win them for our church. We know of no other way in which your quarters may do better work. Try this plan. Don't forget your friends abroad. Send them the VISITOR. They will be glad to have monthly reports of the work of your church. Subscribe now. Copies of the January number can still be had, from the editor.

THE pastor's brother, Rev. R. C. Zartman, pastor of Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, during a recent revival meeting, had thirty-four accessions to his church. We rejoice in hearing of such harvests of souls. The Lord send such an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our churches everywhere.

PENNY COLLECTIONS.

BY JOSIE ZARTMAN.

PENNIES are small things, but sometimes they do much good, especially when given to Jesus. If every boy and girl would save the pennies their papas and mammas give them, and not spend them for chewing gum, candy, and such things, and if the young men would take care of the money they spend for tobacco, cigars, and other foolish things, our collections in the Sunday school, would soon amount to four or five dollars every Sunday. Each child should give a penny, or more every Sunday. Your penny in Sunday school or given to Jesus, does much more good than the one, you give to the man, or woman, who keeps the candy stand. I advise you all to save your money, and do as a blind girl I once read of, who gathered flowers and sold them, to get money to take to Sunday school. And when she took her money there, she had over four dollars. She always gave more than a penny for Jesus. If we give a penny every Sunday, it makes only fifty-two cents a year. We had ought to be as liberal, as the widow who gave all she had to Him, our beloved Savior. If your papas, or mammas have no small change, or you lose your pennies, so you cannot bring them one Sunday, bring that many more the next, so as to make up for the other Sunday.

It is said, "the prayer-meeting is the life of the church." If this statement be true, the life of some churches must center within the hearts of a faithful few. And how many of our church adherents, then, have no life in them at all, for they are no part of the prayer-meeting, neither is the prayer-meeting any part of them. Again. The representatives at the prayer-meeting are almost exclusively from the women of the church. The life of the church must therefore dwell almost exclusively, within the hearts of this portion of the membership. The men are lifeless. So true is this, that many of them have no love, nor time for either public, or private devotions. Some of our men have grown so lifeless and spiritless, that they have no hesitancy in saying, "The prayer-meeting is for women not for men." The spirit of prayer, and the life of the church does, indeed, center in the heart of woman, to-day. Woman keeps up the church, by her devotions, and her zeal. But she does yet more. Sweet, noble, beautiful woman. She keeps up also the house. She is the life and love of it. She keeps the roof over the head of many a truant man, world worshiper. God be thanked that the life of the church, may yet find

a dwelling place, within the hearts of some, so pure and holy a place as the heart of a consecrated woman.

If the prayer meeting is the life of the church how much more life we might have in our churches, if the entire membership should be a part of the prayer meeting. What a power our churches would be. Power against the world. Power with the unsaved. An enterprising layman, recently asked the question: "What can the church do to make religion popular with the masses?" The reply was made: "Let every Christian be a hustler." Hustling is life in action. The prayer meeting is the place to get this life into the heart.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air."

Alas, how many Christians have not this vital breath. How many opportunities of refreshing, many willfully neglect. How many are robbing their poor souls of life and grace. Let every church member find his way into the prayer meeting, and be a part of it, that he may have life, and have it more abundantly.

THE ladies of Grace Church are very busy, making preparations for the fair, which they expect to hold the first of March. Some one has said, "That the busy church, is the happy church." If this be true, we judge the ladies of Grace Church are very happy. There have been many skillful hands, and busy minds, unitedly working for the success of the coming fair. Quite a number of articles have already been donated, and we hope that others, who are interested in this work, may be willing to give. Our object is a worthy one, therefore, we do not hesitate to solicit gifts from our friends, as well as their patronage. The time and place for our fair will be announced in the dailies, as soon as the arrangements have been completed.

THE Ladies Missionary Society has now a membership of forty-eight. These are all active. Is not this a society that Little Grace Church can feel proud of? The next regular meeting will be held in the church, the first Thursday evening in March. There will be a fifteen minutes devotional service before the regular business. Let every member come prepared to answer to her name, with some favorite passage of Scripture on the subject of giving. May these meetings be a source of spiritual advancement, as well as of financial gain. We want to be led by the spirit of our Lord, then we shall not err.

THE annual subscriptions given to meet the incidental expenses of the church, should be paid at once. Attend to it. The year ends with April 1st. Let there be no delinquents.

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The absence of Mrs. F. D. Paulus from our services, and S. S. is greatly felt. Her mother is improving.

REMEMBER our basket collections, Sabbath morning and Sabbath evening. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

THE Sunday-school children will have a handkerchief-booth, at the fair. Each child donating one or more kerchieves.

GRACE CHURCH VISITOR, in making its first visits, was everywhere, warmly received. Shall it visit you once a month? See to it.

THE attendance at our preaching services, is much larger than formerly. Do not forget to bring your friends with you to our services.

WE are glad to see so many strangers at our services. Give them a cordial welcome. Speak to them, and invite them to come again.

Tuesday evening, January 26th, the consistory met, to audit the annual report of the Church treasurer. The report was found correct.

THE young ladies of the church are preparing some artful things for the fair. Let the young men come to the fair, and see for themselves.

THE pastor's Catechetical class is doing well. Others who may want to join the class should do so soon. The class will be confirmed at our Easter communion.

THE consistory has decided, that the net receipts realized, in the publication of the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR, shall be set apart for a parsonage fund, and shall be used for this purpose only. The Church and Pastor have both

something for which to work, in the publication and success of the paper.

HOW MANY of our members in the country, can furnish butter, eggs, potatoes, cabbage, and ham for our fair? Be ready to report at once to Mrs. Henderson.

GRACE CHURCH has always a welcome for strangers, and the doors of the church are always open, for souls to enter the kingdom. "Behold now is the accepted time. Behold now is the day of Salvation."

THE March number of the VISITOR, will give the names of the new scholars enrolled in our Sunday School during the month of February, and also the names of those, who brought these scholars into the school. Let us see who are our workers.

IF you want the Grace Church VISITOR, you must subscribe now. You can leave your subscriptions with the pastor or with H. P. Vordermark, at Vordermarks shoe store, or F. D. Paulus, No. 53, East Main street, or D. W. Souder, office County Clerk. Friends at a distance can remit to the pastor, in one and two cent, postage stamps.

THE WORTH OF A GOOD MOTHER.

It is as strange as it is true, that a vast number of young people, having good mothers—excellent Christian mothers—do not half appreciate the real worth of them. Many of them are verily ashamed to confess before their ungodly associates, that they have such mothers. But such young people ought to be ashamed of themselves for manifesting a sense of shame because of the fact that they have mothers who are thoroughly sincere and truly devoted Christians. Many a young man owes his conspicuous success in life to the prayers and molding influence of his godly mother; and he ought to be very thankful to God for such a mother, and prize her very highly. A certain chaplain related this story some years ago:

It was just after the battle of Williamsburg, where hundreds of brave men had fallen, never to bear arms again, that a soldier came to my tent, and said, "Chaplain, one of our own boys is badly wounded and wants to see you right away." Hurriedly following the soldier, I was taken to the hospital, and found, on a bed, a fine-looking young man, pale and blood-stained from a wound above the temple. I saw at a glance that he had but a few hours longer to live on earth. Taking his hand I said to him, "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?" The dying soldier looked up into my face and, placing his finger where his hair was stained with blood, said, "Chaplain, cut a big lock from

here, for mother; for mother, mind, Chaplain." I hesitated to disfigure him so. He said, "Don't be afraid, Chaplain, it's for mother, and nobody will see me in the dead-house tomorrow. Now, chaplain," said the dying man, "I want you to kneel down by me, and return thanks to God." "For what?" I asked. "For giving me such a mother. O, chaplain, she is a good mother; she taught me to look to Jesus; her teachings comfort and console me now. And, chaplain, thank God that, by His grace, I am a Christian. Oh! what should I do now if I were not a Christian I know that my Redeemer liveth. I feel that his finished work has saved me. And, chaplain, thank God for giving me dying grace." I knelt by the dying man, and thanked God for the blessings He had bestowed on him—the gift of a good mother, a believer's hope, and dying grace to bear testimony to God's faithfulness. Shortly after the prayer, he said, "Good by, chaplain. If you ever see mother, tell her it was all well."

That young man had a large appreciation of the worth of a good mother, and thankfully recognized her blessed influence in leading him to accept her God as his God, even unto death. O young man, if you have a Christian mother set a high value upon her, as God's choice gift to you, and allow her prayers to be answered in your conversion and consecration to Christ—*Religious Herald*.

THE series of meetings, recently held by the pastor at the Salem church, were full of interest and were greatly blessed. The meetings continued for five days. The people were very attentive to the preaching of the word. Some evenings the church was crowded with anxious hearers. During the meeting three children were baptised, and some adults added to the church. There are still a number of others, who have been awakened, and we hope to see them come into the church soon. The pastor was very kindly entertained, by these people, while among them.

THE pastor recently led the Sabbath afternoon meeting at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. The attendance was large, and the meeting was full of interest. Many more of our men should attend these meetings. They are inspiring and helpful. The singing is good, prayers fervent, and the testimonies encouraging and convincing. These meetings are instrumental in leading many young men to Christ, and should therefore have the support and encouragement of all our Christian men, throughout the different churches.

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